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10.	Tamil Nadu		3820.00	1910.000
42.	Kumara palayam	Cauvery		
43.	Bhawani	Cauvery		
44.	Erode	Cauvery		
45.	Trichy	Cauvery		
46.	Palli Palayam	Cauvery		
(A)		Total :	74199.63	37099.81
(B)	State share on 50 : 50 basis		37099.81	
(C)	Add 5% of cost of works only towards expenditure on establishment Research & Development and Monitoring		3009.22	
(A+C)	total estimated cost (74199.63+3009.22)		77208.85	
(D)	Central Share		40109.03	

Irregularities in I.V.R.I.

600. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the complaints regarding alleged irregularities in purchase of foreign journals in Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izzat Nagar, Bareilly, and

(b) if so, the nature of irregularities noticed and the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The investigation of R.C. 22(A)/95-CBI/LKO PURCHASE OF FOREIGN JOURNALS is being conducted by the CBI, Lucknow. The relevant record for the purchase of foreign journals during 1987 to 1994, has been sent to CBI for necessary action. As a follow up reply, the concerned CBI office has recently informed that the matter is still under investigation.

[English]

Cane Pricing Policy

601. SHRI NARAYAN ATHAWALAY : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the cane stock with the farmer are mounting year after year in the sugar producing States because of un-realistically cane prices fixed by the State Government rendering sugar mill unviable while Khansari units purchase cane at much lower price than fixed by the State Government;

(b) if so, the position of cane stock and prices fixed/revised during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government have received representations from the Sugar Producing State

Governments/Associations/Federation of Sugar Mills regarding evolving of rationalistic/pragmatic sugarcane pricing policy;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(f) the details of comprehensive action plan worked out to resolve the issue of cane pricing/stock in the interest of healthy growth of the sugar industry?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) and (b). During 1994-95 the production of sugarcane was 2712 lakh tonnes as compared to 2297 lakh tonnes in 1993-94. Cane production for 1995-96 is estimated to be about 2673 lakh tonnes.

In spite of the fact that the Central Government fixes Statutory Minimum Price of Sugarcane payable by sugar factories to cane growers, the State Governments also announce their own State Advised Prices which is payable by the sugar factories located in the respective States. Advised Prices of cane are very high which create difficulties for the sugar industry in the State. The State Advised Prices of sugarcane in respect of some of the sugar producing states may be seen at the statement attached.

(c) to (f). The views of State Governments, The National Federation of Cooperative Sugar Factories and Indian Sugar Mills Association have been considered by the Govt. with regard to sugarcane pricing policy. The question was first considered in the meeting of the Sugar Ministers of the State Governments held in February, 1994 when it was decided to constitute a committee of the Sugar Ministers of five major sugar producing States (U.P., Maharashtra, Punjab, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu) under the Chairmanship of the Sugar Minister of U.P. This Committee submitted its report in April, 1995 recommending, inter alia, constitution of a National Pricing Board for the purpose. The question of